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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 27, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The invention is not intended to be limited to the video coding protocols discussed above: these are intended to be merely exemplary. The invention is applicable to any video coding protocol in which temporal prediction may be used. The addition of the information as discussed above allows a receiving decoder to determine that a reference picture has been lost and to take appropriate action. --

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